

Finally, H.R. 2419 also encourages the expansion of renewable energy research and production, contains a new section for horticulture and organic agriculture, and includes funding to make sure our food supply is safe and stable. Mr. Chairman, this legislation helps farmers meet growing environmental challenges, gives consumers more health food choices, and promotes critical renewable energy development. I look forward to passing this measure into law.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
SAMUEL W. DOWNING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Samuel W. Downing, who passed away June 30, 2007, at the age of 45. Captain Downing, who served with distinction in the Mobile Fire-Rescue Department, was a pillar of the Mobile community and will be deeply missed.

Captain Downing, a native of Wilmer, Alabama, was a resident of Mobile County. He served with the department for more than 21 years and was a shift supervisor for Engine 15 and the Hazardous Material Response Team at Gus Rehm Fire Station. In 1995, Captain Downing received the Firefighter's Creed Award.

A colleague recalled Captain Downing's sincere passion for his job. He particularly enjoyed when school groups would tour the fire station. Rather than having them simply walk through the fire station to see the fire trucks and the sleeping quarters, Captain Downing did his best to entertain as well as educate the children. He would also let the kids try on the fire suits and even practice using the fire hose.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Samuel W. Downing. He will be sorely missed by many but most by his beloved wife, Lisa; his three children Cody, Victoria, and Colton; and his brother Wayne. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this legislation.

Iran presents a major problem for the United States on a number of levels. Its overt nuclear ambitions, its interference in the Israeli-Arab peace process, and its support for Hezbollah—which is second only to al Qaeda in the number of American lives it has claimed—as well as Hamas and other terrorist organizations all present challenges to stability in the region.

We must use our economic leverage, among other tools, to address this problem, and this legislation allows us to do that. First, it extends the threat of sanctions to foreign

subsidiaries of American companies if the subsidiaries were acquired or created in order to evade existing prohibitions on trade with Iran. Second, the definition of Iran's petroleum sector is expanded to include petroleum by-products and liquefied natural gas. Third, it expands who may be sanctioned to include the underwriters of these investments in Iran's energy sector.

Iran's economy is heavily dependent on oil and gas windfall profits, and this money is also used to fund terrorism and its nuclear program. This bill is a crucial part of continuing sanctions efforts, both by the U.S. and the international community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

HENRY FORD SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM ACT

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an important problem that threatens America's position as the world's economic leader. Each year, only 70,000 students graduate from America's colleges with degrees in engineering and technology. In China, more than 700,000 students graduate per year with similar degrees. China, which has the world's fastest growing economy, is quickly becoming a dominant manufacturing power.

To ensure our position as the world's global economic leader, we must encourage students to pursue careers critical to America's industries. An educated workforce will be the stimulus for our economy. Therefore, I have introduced H.R. 1568, the Henry Ford Scholarship Program Act of 2007. By providing college students pursuing engineering, math, science or health care degrees with up to a \$20,000 scholarship, America will create the innovators it needs to sustain our leadership in the competitive global market.

I invite my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 1568. Together we can help our students afford higher education and ensure our economic well-being.

DARFUR DIVESTMENT AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 180, the Darfur Divestment and Accountability Act. This measure supports State, city, and university efforts to divest funds from, or restrict investments in, companies that conduct business operations in Sudan. H.R. 180 works toward a goal of ending a travesty that has resonated with people all over the world.

My home State of Rhode Island has been active on this tragic issue for many years, with Providence becoming the first U.S. city to divest from companies tied to the Sudanese

Government in 2006. Just this past month, Rhode Island passed Sudan divestment into law. These actions would not have been possible without our very active student population, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their persistent advocacy.

Like my constituents, I am deeply concerned over the ongoing violence and humanitarian disaster in the Darfur region. It is truly a tragedy that we have not learned from our mistakes in the past regarding genocide, but it is not too late to change the situation in Sudan. It is our duty to end this human suffering, and as a member of the Sudan Caucus, I will continue to work with my colleagues to stop this conflict and promote peace in Sudan. Passing H.R. 180 is an important and necessary step for Congress to take as we work to achieve this goal.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
EDWARD B. BAUMHAUER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire State of Alabama lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Edward B. Baumhauer was a devoted family man and dedicated community leader throughout his life.

A graduate of the School of Architecture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University, Mr. Baumhauer was an award-winning architect. His works include many recognizable buildings in the Mobile community including the building for Little Sisters of the Poor, the contemporary glass Infirmary 65 building, and the renovation of the Government Street Hotel. Mr. Baumhauer won architectural awards for the Ryan-Welsh Stevedoring building and the Lyons, Pipes and Cook law firm office. The Capri Cinema, Mobile's first rocking chair theater, was also one of Mr. Baumhauer's creations. His designs, masterfully created, reflected his passion for his work which he found "much more fascinating than [his original major] mechanical engineering." Throughout his career, Edward Baumhauer served as a principal of several architecture firms; he retired from Baumhauer-Hall Architects in 2002.

In addition to his architecture achievements, Mr. Baumhauer served the city of Mobile and state of Alabama in various other civic capacities. Son of long-time Mobile Mayor Charles A. Baumhauer, Edward Baumhauer was an all-city football player at Murphy High School. While attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute, he was elected the president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a member and chairman of the board of deacons at First Baptist Church and a member and president of the local and State chapters of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Baumhauer was also a member of the Fairhope Yacht Club and several mystic organizations.

Mr. Baumhauer proudly served the United States Navy in World War II while stationed aboard a submarine chaser in the western Pacific theater of operations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community